

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

New claims 13 and 14 are added. Support for the new claims is found, for example, on page 3, lines 40-51, of the application.

Claims 1-14 are pending and under consideration.

II. OBJECTION TO THE ABSTRACT

The abstract is amended to overcome the objection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome.

III. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The claims are amended to overcome the objection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome.

IV. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2:

The claims are amended to overcome the rejection. Support for the amendments is found, for example, in Fig. 2 and on page 3, lines 39-51, of the application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

V. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terayama et al in view of (Pat. No.: 7,010,551 B2, Filed Date: Mar. 15, 2001) (hereinafter "Terayama"), further in view of Okamoto in view of (Pub. No.: US 2002/0065814 A1; Effective Filing Date: Jun. 30, 1998) (hereinafter "Okamoto").

Amended claim 1 recites a unit for identifying special character strings on the basis of the analysis results via preset values of the typographic information. See, for example, page 2, lines 28-40, of the application. Amended claim 7 includes somewhat similar features. The Examiner cites portions of Terayama, such as column 1, lines 21-29 relating to HTML tags and column 2,

line 6 through column 3, line 30 relating to a file conversion method. In his arguments, the Examiner stated Terayama discloses that identifiers are called tags which describe the font, the size and the color of the text.

Terayama discloses using a certain tag for delimiting a data shaping area (for instance, <GETINFO> and </GETINFO>) and a certain tag for delimiting an unnecessary data area (for instance, <DUMPINFO> and </DUMPINFO>), the tags being at the start and end of each piece of data. See column 2, lines 8-12 and column 11, lines 23-30, of Terayama. While Terayama recognizes that the font, size and color are tags in an HTML document, it fails to teach using preset values to identify special character strings. Terayama merely extracts data between certain tag names, regardless of the value of the typographic information contained therein. See column 2, lines 8-12 and column 11, lines 23-30, of Terayama.

The above comments are specifically directed to claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims over the cited reference.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

VI. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

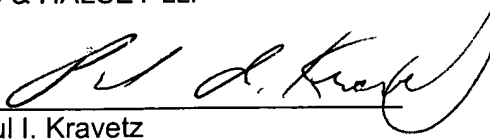
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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